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ANTIMICROBIAL PROPERTIES
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2002, having a shortened three-month statutory period for response which expired January 7, 2003, we have attached a petition to extend the reply time. We request that you please accept the following remarks as to the above-identified patent application:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

IN THE CLAIMS:

- 1.(amended) A method for imparting antimicrobial properties to a surface comprising:
- selecting a photosensitizer capable of being activated by an environmental condition, other than ultraviolet light, under which said surface is required to exhibit antimicrobial activity;
 - preparing a photosensitizer containing formulation from said photosensitizer in a topically available form; [and]
 - applying said photosensitizer containing formulation to said surface; and

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